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Riverside

Thursday October 15th 1846

My dear Madam

For the first time in my life
I commence a letter to an entire stranger,
and I feel, however, that an interest in the
great cause which you have so much at
heart, is a sufficient apology for addressing you.

We have sent to Liverpool, seven boxes
(two fastened together), containing contributions
from the inhabitants of Bridgewater for
the Boston Anti-Slavery Bazaar. We have
directed them

M^{rs} Chapman
Federal Street
Boston. As we

It is probable that the letter of which I
enclose a copy may be directed to yourself; if so will
you please forward it to some one
at Bridgewater

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have sent them by water, they may not arrive in Liverpool in time to be forwarded by the packet which leaves that place on the 19th; in which case they will be sent by the first vessel after their arrival. My Father has left it to his Liverpool agent, to pay the freight or not, as he may find most desirable, but I believe that after this shall have been done, we shall have a small surplus, ^{will remain} which I shall have the pleasure of remitting to you by the next packet.

Unless you should be writing to any one else in Bridgwater, for this purpose, will you be kind enough to send me a few lines to say whether you receive our boxes safely. We should also like

to know, for our future guidance, what contributions are the most desirable, whether money, pictures, stationary or work.

About six weeks ago, Mr. Frederick Douglass gave a lecture in this place which excited a very warm interest in the cause of Abolition; our contributions to the Bazaar have mostly been prepared since his visit, and indeed in consequence of it. He seems peculiarly fitted to inspire strong interest in the subject; his truthful statements have double weight, since drawn from his own painful experience. no Englishman however gifted could call forth the same kind of enthusiasm. At his suggestion, we are sending a letter from our town to Bridgewater in America, of

which I will enclose a copy. During his
short visit to our friend and minister
Mr Russell Carpenter, whom you may
know as the Biographer of his Father
Dr Lamb Carpenter, we had the pleasure
of seeing Mr Douglass at my Father's house
and when he left us, which he did on the
day preceding the eighth anniversary of his
freedom, he left behind him in our little
circle, as I doubt not he has done in many
many other circles in England, warm
feelings of friendship and attachment to
himself personally and sincere sympathy
and desires for his success in the noble
cause which he so eloquently and ably
advocates.

Believe me, my dear Madam, to remain

yours with very sincere respect

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For Miss L. Browne Bridgewater